

Scientist in the Spotlight this month: It does compute!

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Software surrounds us

Join Sandy Frost, with the Lab's Technology Services and Solutions group, as she talks about how software is integral to our lives, including coding (plugged and unplugged), its history, the Internet of things, and accessibility. She even has a home automation demonstration using Amazon Echo.

Supercomputers

How do computers “know” what they are doing? Trick question! Computers don’t “know” in the sense that people “know”—but that might change in the future. Right now, computers blindly follow instructions. So, how do computers get instructions? Programming. Come and explore computer concepts from binary digits (0 and 1) to supercomputers. Teri Roberts guides you and your family members through this learning experience in about 15 minutes through hands-on exercises.

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